

James D. Nealon, of New Hampshire, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Honduras, Noah Bryson Mamet, of California, to be Ambassador to the Argentine Republic, Gentry O. Smith, of North Carolina, to be Director of the Office of Foreign Missions, and to have the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service, Mark William Lippert, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Korea, Joan A. Polaschik, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, and Theodore G. Osius III, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, all of the Department of State, Karen Kornbluh, of New York, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors, and Jonathan Nicholas Stivers, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

OLMSTEAD AT 15

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine moving toward greater community inclusion, focusing on Olmstead at 15, after receiving testimony from Emmanuel Smith, Disability Rights Iowa, Des Moines; Norma Robertson-Dabrowski, Liberty Resources, Inc. (LRI), Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Gail Godwin, Shared Support Maryland, Baltimore; Troy R. Justesen, Utah Developmental Disabilities Council, Orangeville; and Ricardo Thornton, and Donna Thornton, both of Washington, DC.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Pamela Har-

ris, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, who was introduced by Senators Mikulski and Cardin, Pamela Pepper, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, who was introduced by Senators Baldwin and Johnson (WI), Brenda K. Sannes, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York, who was introduced by Senator Schumer, and Patricia M. McCarthy, of Maryland, and Jeri Kaylene Somers, of Virginia, both to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

AT&T AND DIRECTV MERGER

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights concluded a hearing to examine the AT&T and DIRECTV merger, focusing on the impact on competition and consumers in the video market and beyond, after receiving testimony from Randall Stephenson, AT&T Inc., Dallas, Texas; Michael White, DIRECTV, El Segundo, California; Christopher Keyser, Writers Guild of America, West Inc., Los Angeles, California; and Matthew F. Wood, Free Press, Larry Downes, Georgetown University Center for Business and Public Policy, and Ross J. Lieberman, American Cable Association, all of Washington, DC.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 13 public bills, H.R. 4944–4956; were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 641, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4899) to lower gasoline prices for the American family by increasing domestic onshore and offshore energy exploration and production, to streamline and improve onshore and offshore energy permitting and administration, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4923) making appropriations for energy and water

development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes; and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–493).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Thompson (PA) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:37 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Customer Protection and End User Relief Act: The House passed H.R. 4413, to reauthorize the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, to better protect futures customers, to provide end users with market certainty, to make basic reforms to ensure

transparency and accountability at the Commission, and to help farmers, ranchers, and end users manage risks to help keep consumer costs low, by a recorded vote of 265 ayes to 144 noes, Roll No. 349. Consideration of the measure began yesterday, June 23rd.

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Rejected the Kuster motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Agriculture with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 191 ayes to 220 noes, Roll No. 348.

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Agreed to:

Garrett amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 113–476) that was debated on June 23rd that exempts Registered Investment Companies (RICs) that are currently registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) under the Investment Company Act of 1940 from duplicative registration requirements with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC). The SEC will continue to have full regulatory oversight and enforcement authority over RICs. Amendment does not remove the jurisdiction and regulatory authority that the CFTC has over all futures, options and swaps transactions that the RICs invest in on behalf of their customers who are pensioners, retirees, and savers (by a recorded vote of 252 ayes to 158 noes, Roll No. 347).

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Rejected:

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 113–476) that was debated on June 23rd that sought to require a study on entities regulated by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (by a recorded vote of 163 ayes to 249 noes, Roll No. 343);

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Waters amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 113–476) that was debated on June 23rd that sought to prohibit judicial review of any consideration by the CFTC of the costs and benefits of its rules and orders (by a recorded vote of 168 ayes to 242 noes, Roll No. 344);

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Moore amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 113–476) that was debated on June 23rd that sought to strike Section 203, and replace with the Sense of Congress that the Commodity Future Trading Commission is already required by law to consider costs and benefits when promulgating rules and issuing orders, and is held accountable to this requirement by courts (by a recorded vote of 173 ayes to 239 noes, Roll No. 345); and

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Jackson Lee amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 113–476) that was debated on June 23rd that sought to preserve existing law by striking “United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit or the United States Court of Appeals for the circuit,” and replace with “United States District

Court for the District of Columbia or the United States District Court for the district” (by a recorded vote of 177 ayes to 233 noes, Roll No. 346).

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H. Res. 629, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to on June 19th.

North American Energy Infrastructure Act: The House passed H.R. 3301, to require approval for the construction, connection, operation, or maintenance of oil or natural gas pipelines or electric transmission facilities at the national boundary of the United States for the import or export of oil, natural gas, or electricity to or from Canada or Mexico, by a recorded vote of 238 ayes to 173 noes, Roll No. 354.

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Rejected the Schneider motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 185 ayes to 227 noes, Roll No. 353.

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Pursuant to the rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113–49 shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce now printed in the bill.

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Rejected:

Pallone amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–492) that sought to ensure that the complete length of cross-border projects would be subject to full environmental review under the National Environmental Policy Act (by a recorded vote of 176 ayes to 233 noes, Roll No. 350);

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Waxman amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–492) that sought to exclude any project with a pending permit application from the new approval requirements in the bill (by a recorded vote of 171 ayes to 240 noes, Roll No. 351); and

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Welch amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–492) that sought to ensure pipeline modifications receive a thorough environmental review process (by a recorded vote of 176 ayes to 234 noes, Roll No. 352).

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H. Res. 636, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 6) and (H.R. 3301), was agreed to by a recorded vote of 221 ayes to 186 noes, Roll No. 342, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 184 nays, Roll No. 341.

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Domestic Prosperity and Global Freedom Act: The House began consideration of H.R. 6, to provide for expedited approval of exportation of natural gas to World Trade Organization countries. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, June 25th.

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H. Res. 636, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 6) and (H.R. 3301), was agreed to by a recorded vote of 221 ayes to 186 noes, Roll No. 342, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 184 nays, Roll No. 341.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Combating Autism Reauthorization Act of 2014: H.R. 4631, amended, to reauthorize certain provisions of the Public Health Service Act relating to autism;

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Trauma Systems and Regionalization of Emergency Care Reauthorization Act: H.R. 4080, amended, to amend title XII of the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain trauma care programs;

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Improving Trauma Care Act of 2014: H.R. 3548, amended, to amend title XII of the Public Health Service Act to expand the definition of trauma to include thermal, electrical, chemical, radioactive, and other extrinsic agents;

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Newborn Screening Saves Lives Reauthorization Act: H.R. 1281, amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act;

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Traumatic Brain Injury Reauthorization Act: H.R. 1098, amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain programs relating to traumatic brain injury and to trauma research; and

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Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014: S. 1681, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and 13 recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5658–59, H5659, H5660, H5660–61, H5661–62, H5662, H5662–63, H5664–65, H5665, H5684, H5685, H5685–86, H5687, H5687–88. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee held a markup on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Bill FY 2015. The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

CASE STUDIES IN DOD ACQUISITION: FINDING WHAT WORKS

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Case Studies in DOD Acquisition: Finding What Works”. Testimony was heard from Ronald O’Rourke, Specialist, National Defense, Congressional Research Service; and public witnesses.

FILIPINO VETERANS EQUITY COMPENSATION FUND

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Filipino Veterans Equity Compensation Fund: Examining the Department of Defense and Interagency Process for Verifying Eligibility”. Testimony was heard from Brad Flohr, Senior Advisor, Compensation Service, Department of Veterans Affairs; Scott Levins, Director, National Personnel Records Center, National Archives and Records Administration; Brigadier General David K. “Mac” MacEwan, 59th Adjutant General of the Army, Department of the Army; and public witnesses.

WHAT SHOULD WORKERS AND EMPLOYERS EXPECT NEXT FROM THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD; AND MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Full Committee held a meeting to assign recently elected Members to subcommittees. The Committee announced and accepted subcommittee assignments. The Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions held a hearing entitled “What Should Workers and Employers Expect Next From the National Labor Relations Board?”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL STABILITY OVERSIGHT COUNCIL

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Annual Report of the Financial Stability Oversight Council”. Testimony was heard from Jacob J. Lew, Secretary, Department of the Treasury.

THAILAND: A DEMOCRACY IN PERIL

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing entitled “Thailand: A Democracy in Peril”. Testimony was heard from Scot